

and Emilio T. Gonzalez, of Florida, to be Director of the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services, who was introduced by Senator Martinez and Representative Ros-Lehtinen, both of the Department of Homeland Security, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of William F.

Tuerk, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, Robert Joseph Henke, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary for Management, John M. Molino, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary for Policy and Planning, Lisette M. Mondello, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary for Public and Intergovernmental Affairs, and George J. Opfer, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 7 public bills, H.R. 4070–4076; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 268; and H. Res. 498–500 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1400, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide penalties for aiming laser pointers at airplanes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–250); and

H.R. 3647, to render nationals of Denmark eligible to enter the United States as nonimmigrant traders and investors, with an amendment (Rept. 109–251).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Price of Georgia to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:17 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

*Assistance for Orphans and Other Vulnerable Children in Developing Countries Act of 2005:* H.R. 1409, amended, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to provide assistance for orphans and other vulnerable children in developing countries, by a yea-and-nay vote of 415 yeas to 9 nays, Roll No. 525;

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*Mourning the loss of life caused by the earthquake that occurred on October 8, 2005, in Pakistan and India, expressing the condolences of the American people to the families of the victims, and urging assistance to those affected:* H. Res. 492, to mourn the loss of life caused by the earthquake that occurred on October 8, 2005, in Pakistan and India,

expressing the condolences of the American people to the families of the victims, and urging assistance to those affected, by a yea-and-nay vote of 423 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 526;

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*Santa Ana River Water Supply Enhancement Act of 2005:* H.R. 177, amended, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Prado Basin Natural Treatment System Project, to authorize the Secretary to carry out a program to assist agencies in projects to construct regional brine lines in California, to authorize the Secretary to participate in the Lower Chino Dairy Area desalination demonstration and reclamation project;

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*Rocky Mountain National Park Boundary Adjustment Act of 2005:* S. 55, to adjust the boundary of Rocky Mountain National Park in the State of Colorado—clearing the measure for the President;

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*Ojito Wilderness Act:* S. 156, to designate the Ojito Wilderness Study Area as wilderness, to take certain land into trust for the Pueblo of Zia—clearing the measure for the President;

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*Extending through March 31, 2006, the authority of the Secretary of the Army to accept and expend funds contributed by non-Federal public entities and to expedite the processing of permits:* H.R. 3765, amended by the Senate, to extend through March 31, 2006, the authority of the Secretary of the Army to accept and expend funds contributed by non-Federal public entities and to expedite the processing of permits;

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*William F. Clinger, Jr. Post Office Building Designation Act:* H.R. 3549, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 210 West 3rd Avenue in Warren, Pennsylvania, as the

“William F. Clinger, Jr. Post Office Building”, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 422 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 527;

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**U.S. Cleveland Post Office Building Designation Act:** H.R. 3830, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 130 East Marion Avenue in Punta Gorda, Florida, as the “U.S. Cleveland Post Office Building”;

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**Willie Vaughn Post Office Designation Act:** H.R. 3853, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 208 South Main Street in Parkdale, Arkansas, as the “Willie Vaughn Post Office Building”, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 421 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 528; and

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**Recognizing the South Carolina Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company on the occasion of its 50th anniversary and saluting the outstanding service of the Company to the people of South Carolina:** H. Res. 300, to recognize the South Carolina Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company on the occasion of its 50th anniversary and saluting the outstanding service of the Company to the people of South Carolina.

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**Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act:** The House agreed to H. Res. 493, the rule that is providing for consideration of S. 397, to prohibit civil liability actions from being brought or continued against manufacturers, distributors, dealers, or importers of firearms or ammunition for damages, injunctive or other relief resulting from the misuse of their products by others, by a voice vote, after agreeing to order the previous question.

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**Personal Responsibility in Food Consumption Act of 2005:** The House agreed to H. Res. 494, the rule that is providing for consideration of H.R. 554, to prevent legislative and regulatory functions from being usurped by civil liability actions brought or continued against food manufacturers, marketers, distributors, advertisers, sellers, and trade associations for claims of injury relating to a person’s weight gain, obesity, or any health condition associated with weight gain or obesity, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 310 yeas to 114 nays, Roll No. 524, after agreeing to order the previous question.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 3:54 p.m. and reconvened at 5:30 p.m.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Five ye-a-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H8888–89, H8889, H8889–90, H8890–91 and H8891. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### THOROUGHBRED HORSE RACING JOCKEYS AND WORKERS

**Committee on Energy and Commerce:** Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Thoroughbred Horse Racing Jockeys and Workers: Examining On-Track Injury Insurance and Other Health and Welfare Issues.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### FINANCIAL SERVICES REGULATORY RELIEF ACT OF 2005

**Committee on Financial Services:** Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing on H.R. 3505, Financial Services Regulatory Relief Act of 2005. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### IRAQ: PERCEPTIONS, REALITIES AND COST TO COMPLETE

**Committee on Government Reform:** Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats, and International Relations held a hearing entitled “Iraq: Perceptions, Realities and Cost to Complete.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Howard J. Krongard, Inspector General; and Joseph Farinella, Acting Inspector General, Audit, U.S. Agency for International Development; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Stuart W. Bowen, Jr., Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction; Thomas Gimble, Acting Inspector General; and Joyce Morrow, U.S. Army Auditor General; Joseph Christoff, Director, International Trade, GAO; and public witnesses.

### BRIEFING—RECENT SUBWAY TERROR THREAT WARNINGS

**Committee on Homeland Security:** Met in executive session to receive a briefing on the recent subway terror threat warnings and related actions. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

### SCADA AND THE TERRORIST THREAT

**Committee on Homeland Security:** Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection and Cybersecurity and the Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science, and Technology held a joint hearing entitled “SCADA and the Terrorist Threat: Protecting the Nation’s Critical Control Systems.” Testimony was heard from Donald Purdy, Acting Director, National Cyber Security Division, Department of Homeland Security; Larry Todd, Director, Security, Safety and Law Enforcement, Bureau of